

Executive Order No. 38-2006

**EXTENDING THE STATEWIDE INTEROPERABILITY EXECUTIVE
ADVISORY COUNCIL, AS AMENDED**

WHEREAS, the public safety of citizens and public safety responders of Montana remain of paramount importance; and

WHEREAS, inter- and intra-jurisdictional public safety communications are critical to the mission of protecting the safety of citizens and public safety responders of Montana; and

WHEREAS, the State's public safety communications infrastructure is rapidly changing; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Communications Commission are adopting changes to enhance public safety interoperable communications; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Interoperability Executive Advisory Council ("SIEC"), in cooperation with Interoperability Montana Project Directors ("IMPD"), has developed the interoperability standard through Concept Demonstration Plan I (CDP I/SWIP/TRI COUNTY) and Concept Demonstration Plan II (CDP II/NTIP) as the region-wide interoperability standard; and

WHEREAS, the SIEC and IMPD fostered cooperative local, tribal, state and federal agency efforts for Montana-wide communications interoperability; and

WHEREAS, elected and appointed officials have the responsibility to complete the interoperable communications objectives of Montana's Homeland Security Strategic Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of the State of Montana, do hereby extend the Statewide Interoperability Executive Advisory Council (SIEC), as amended.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the SIEC is to advise state and local governments and assist the IMPD to complete Montana's Homeland Security Strategic Plan ("HSSP") interoperable communications for utilizing a strategy of standards-based accomplishment objectives.

To that end the SIEC shall:

- A. make quarterly reports to the Chief Information Officer, provided for in § 2-17-511, MCA, and the Governor showing how the SIEC has assisted state and federal agencies in meeting the goals and objectives of the HSSP and the IMPD;
- B. develop recommendations for legislation to assist the IMPD meet HSSP interoperable communications goals and objectives;
- C. develop information and funding streams from external sources to assist IMPD in completing HSSP interoperable communications objectives;
- D. examine leading edge technology to insure Montana's communications systems are among the best in the nation;
- E. advise the Chief Information Officer on local, regional, and national interoperability matters; and
- F. study and advise the CIO on other policy issues related to solving Montana's public safety communications interoperability.

II. COMPOSITION

A. The SIEC shall consist of ten (10) voting members and other non-voting, ex-officio members appointed by the Governor.

Voting members:

- 1. the Director of the Department of Administration (or designee) who shall serve as chair;
- 2. the Attorney General (or designee from the Department of Justice) who shall serve as Vice-Chair;
- 3. a representative of county government;
- 4. a representative of municipal government;
- 5. a representative of county law enforcement;
- 6. a representative of municipal law enforcement;
- 7. a representative of a paid fire department;
- 8. a representative of a volunteer fire department;
- 9. a representative of the emergency medical services community; and
- 10. a representative of the 9-1-1 community.

Non-voting, ex-officio members:

- 1. the Directors of the Departments of Natural Resources and Conservation; Transportation; Corrections; Public Health and Human Services; Fish, Wildlife and Parks; Livestock; and Military Affairs (or their designees);

2. a Tribal Nations representative;
3. a federal agency representative; and
4. the Chief of Staff of the Governor's Office (or designee).

B. The SIEC is attached to the Department of Administration for administrative purposes. The Information Technology Services Division of the Department of Administration will provide technical and administrative assistance to the SIEC.

C. The names and addresses of the members appointed by the Governor shall be submitted by separate letter to the Secretary of State and the Department of Administration.

III. COMPENSATION

SEIC members eligible for compensation under § 2-15-122(5), MCA, shall be compensated by the Department of Administration in an amount to be determined by the Department Director, not to exceed \$25 for each day in which the member is actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of SEIC duties. All members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to § 2-15-122(5), MCA.

IV. DURATION

The SIEC shall exist for a period of two years from the effective date of this Order unless otherwise ordered by subsequent Executive Order.

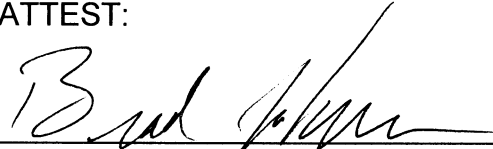
This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
SEAL of the State of Montana,
this 7 day of September, 2006.



BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTEST:



Brad Johnson, Secretary of State